

Pretty Prairie “Re-engagement” Strategy Briefing

Per attached letter, meeting scheduled for **Dec 12** at PP

Anticipated Attendees

Open council meeting

PP mayor, city council (5-6)

PP utility staff (2-3)

KDHE – D. Plummer, SRF guy

EPA – Huffman, Marquess, Hatch (???)

Agenda

Introductions – Why we are here

Current Status – NO₃ trends; Any actions by PP to comply?

Is status quo an option?

Path Forward

 Funding Options / SRF (KDHE)

 2007 Feasibility Study

 Wellhead Protection Plan

Meeting Goals

- Re-engage PP
- Inform PP that a permanent solution to their NO₃ problem is needed (not bottled water) and get them working on it
- Advise PP that ultimately, EPA would like them to sign a binding agreement with EPA OR KDHE to complete the necessary work (Confirm w/KDHE??? D Plummer says OK)

Background/Issues

Why now, EPA???

NO₃ MCL exceedances for 20 years. NO₃ levels are continuing to increase. KDHE “NO₃ Strategy” inconsistent with SDWA

Primary nitrate source likely ag/fertilizer. Looking into possible CAFO, but likely minor contributor. Wellhead Protection Plan in place identifies potential PRPs, and measures PP could “implement/direct others” to protect water supply. PP may be interested in pursuing PRPs.

***Should we tell PP that we have a deadline or “soft deadline” for having AOC in place? If no AOC, then EPA may issue unilateral AO?

***What about NO₃ PRPs? Should we “encourage” PP to evaluate them? Need to be able to describe EPA’s role in pursuing PRPs, if asked.